



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee met in a special session at 7:00 p.m. on May 18, 2006 with Committee Chair Mayer presiding. The meeting was held in the West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale. A public input meeting for the Sunnyvale Bicycle Plan Update was also held as part of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kevin Jackson
Ralph Durham
Andrea Stawitcke
Thomas Mayer
Cindy Cotton
Thomas Reuner
Gerald Gras

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dieckmann Cogill, Senior Transportation Planner

Visitors: John Ciccarelli
Mark Kaminsky
Rich Ober
Thomas Granvold

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

The Draft 2006 Bicycle Plan Presentation was moved after Citizens to Be Heard at the request of the Chair.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A) Approval of Draft Minutes from May 4, 2006
- 1.B) Approval of Agenda
- 1.C) Approval of 2006 Calendar

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Motion – Jackson/Gras, Approval of the Consent Calendar items 1.B and 1.C

The motion carried unanimously

Jackson pulled Item 1A and requested that the word “boulevard” be changes to plural.

Motion – Jackson/Gras, Approval of the May 4, 2006 Minutes with amendment.

The motion carried unanimously

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Kaminsky reported to the committee that bicycle lanes are not swept regularly enough to keep them safe. He finds it safer to ride outside of the bike lane at times. He requested that the bike lanes be swept more often.

Granvold informed the committee that the right lane on Evelyn Avenue east of Fair Oaks Avenue is closed for storage of vehicles and construction equipment. He reported that this condition creates a more dangerous situation for bikes.

Ober reported that he likes to bike on the new Calabazas Creek Trail, but that he would like the City to look at a better way to cross Tasman Drive.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Bike Plan Update

Cogill presented the staff report and described the details of the proposed 2006 Bicycle Plan. She then requested public input. The following is a list of comments received from the public and the committee:

- In the CIP break up Lakehaven into two sections at Silverlake.
- Regarding transit capacity for bicycles, add a policy that states that transit agencies should provide sufficient bicycle capacity to meet the demands.
- Include policy about encouraging biking throughout downtown and to downtown destinations.
- BP.B1 Strengthen the language for this policy.
- BP.B4 include the County in this policy
- Include a statement about replacing striping and pavement markings when needed.
- Include a statement about installing curb ramps in residential neighborhoods to facilitate young children biking to school.
- Strengthen language about the importance of regular street sweeping on bike lanes and routes.
- Strengthen language about construction zone safety.

- Remove the term “whenever feasible” from BP.B2a
- Include language about accommodating bicyclists on all streets in Sunnyvale.
- Encourage employer commute incentives.
- Encourage bike parking requirements in the Municipal Code.
- Add counts to BP.B6.
- Identify education channels to implement the education goals.
- Add action item for the enforcement of violations that discourage bicycling.
- Add statement to assure that debris from collisions is not swept into the bike lanes.
- BP.C5.A, remove the word cyclist.
- In the environment section, mention Baylands Park.
- Clarify the page 5 table.
- Emphasize the mode split in Moffett Park
- Include Wilcox High School in discussions about schools.

No formal action necessary.

3. Review of FY 06/07 Proposed Budget and Resource Allocation Plan and Schedule for Adoption

Staff gave a very brief overview of the budget, informed the committee where they can find more detail about the proposed budget, and of the June 13, 2006 City Council Public Hearing.

No formal action necessary.

4. Bike to Work Day Debrief

Cogill presented statistics from the days events.

The committee recommended that stickers and sunscreen be provided next year at the energizer stations.

No formal action necessary.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- BPAC ORAL COMMENTS

Jackson stated that he believes that the Sharrow utility bill stuffers give bad positioning guidance to cyclists.

Reuner suggested that the BPAC application be made into a web form.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dieckmann Cogill, Senior Transportation Planner
